

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

32. (previously amended) A graphic transfer sheet comprising:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides and a release-finish on the first side;
- an image applied to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the image and adhesive layer, substrate-free, to a surface such that the image is supported only by the adhesive layer.

33. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image-receiving substrate is a transparent polymeric film.

34. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 33 wherein the polymeric film is polyester.

35. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive acrylic adhesive.

36. (previously amended) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the backing layer is polyester.

37. (previously amended) The transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein connection between the release-finish is adapted to adhere to and the image-receiving substrate is stronger than connection between the image and the release-finish so that separation between the image-

receiving substrate and the image occurs between the ~~release-coating~~ release-finish and the image.

38. (canceled).

39. (canceled).

40. (canceled).

41. (currently amended) The transfer sheet of claim 39 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer ~~[[,]]~~ and image ~~and release-finish~~ is less than about 3 mils.

42. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image is comprised of ink.

43. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 42 wherein the image is printed onto the release-finish.

44. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 43 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive is printed onto the image.

45. (currently amended) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive includes a surface which contacts the backing layer ~~at a surface~~ and the surface of the pressure-sensitive adhesive is ~~low tack~~ low-tack.

46. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image-receiving substrate, release-finish, image and pressure sensitive adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.

47. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the image is applied directly to the release-finish.

48. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 42, wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a multi-colored image.

49. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 32 wherein the multi-colored image is picture-quality.

50. (currently amended) A graphic transfer sheet consisting of:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides and a release-finish on the first side;
- an image applied to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the image and adhesive layer, substrate-free, to a surface such that the image is supported only by the adhesive layer.

51. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the adhesive is a pressure-sensitive acrylic adhesive.

52. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 5 mils.

53. (original) The transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the combined thickness of the adhesive layer, image and release-finish is less than about 3 mils.

54. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is comprised of ink.

55. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is printed onto the release-finish.

56. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive is printed onto the image.

57. (currently amended) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the pressure-sensitive adhesive contacts the backing layer at a surface and the surface is ~~low tack~~ low-tack.

58. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image-receiving substrate, release-finish, image and pressure sensitive adhesive layer are mutually insoluble.

59. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50 wherein the image is applied directly to the release-finish.

60. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 50, wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a multi-colored image.

61. (original) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 60 wherein the multi-colored image is picture-quality.

62. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 44 wherein the adhesive is acrylic.

63. (new) A graphic transfer sheet comprising:

- an image-receiving substrate having first and second sides;
- a release-finish on the first side;
- an image bonded to the release-finish;
- a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer affixed to the image, the adhesive layer and image having a combined thickness less than about 5 mils; and
- a backing layer secured to the adhesive layer,

whereby the graphic transfer sheet is used to transfer and secure the release-finish, image and adhesive layer to a surface.

64. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 63 wherein the combined thickness of the release-finish, adhesive layer and image is less than about 5 mils.

65. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 64 wherein the combined thickness of the release-finish, adhesive layer and image is less than about 3 mils.

66. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 63 wherein the image is comprised of multiple inks to create a picture-quality multi-colored image.

67. (new) The graphic transfer sheet of claim 66 wherein the adhesive is acrylic.